The Bishop hath caused fifty copies of Parsons[5] *Afology* to be newly printed in London by the Queen's printer, some say *verbatim^* some say with marginal notes He causeth them to be bound with clean paper between every leaf and so meaneth to present the Council and his friends therewithal

loth March WILL KEMP

Will Kemp now plays at the Rose with my Lord of Worcester's men

March A MERRY JEST CONCERNING SHAKESPEARE

Upon a time when Burbage played Richard the Third, there was a citizen grown so far in liking with him that before she went from the play she appointed him to come that night unto her by the name of * Richard the Third ' Shakespeare overhearing their conclusion went before, was entertained and at his game ere Burbage came Then message being brought that Richard the Third was at the door, Shakespeare caused return to be made that William the Conqueror was before Richard the Third Shakespeare's name is William

i$th March A PURITAN BOOK

There is a book set forth secretly to favour the puritans, called *The Plea of the -innocent,* published by one Jonas Nichols, wherein he declareth that this word puritan is fitter to be applied to papists, because they indeed arrogate unto themselves purity and holiness and despise all others, than to the preachers Nevertheless the preachers were termed puritans for four reasons, *viz* , scruple in the use of certain ceremonies, scruple in subscribing beyond the Statute, seeking for reformation of some ceremonies and some part of ecclesiastical discipline, and also because the people do hear sermons, talk of the Scriptures, and sing psalms together in private houses , and

because about
the time of the beginning of the reign the
preachers did some-
what refrain profane and unprofitable customs,
the greater sort
of the people, addicted partly to popery and partly
to licentious-
ness, would scoff at them, calling them holy
brethren and holy
sistern, and saying, * He is one of the pure and
unspotted sheep '
This author goeth about to prove that the
ministers seeking
reformation are in no sort to be compared to
papists m evil,